**BIBLE PEOPLE**

**Encounters with Christ in the Scriptures**

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**The Paralytic**

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***Welcome come to worship this evening*** *– Throughout the Bible, Jesus encountered people in ordinary and extraordinary way. Throughout the Season of Lent, we will encounter Christ through the quiet introspection of Taizé style worship. This style of worship is based on the repetitive singing of prayerful songs, the reading of scripture and prayer. Take time during these services to look within yourself for where you are being led in faith. Take extra time throughout this season for prayer, scripture and daily devotions that will help you to grow in faith. Listen and hear these stories of our faith and see how they are speaking to you from these witnesses of our faith.*

**Midweek Lenten Worship**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

**Announcements/Prelude**

*Wait for the Lord (Sung 3 times)*



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*Come Holy Spirit*



2. Come, Word of mercy, …

3. Come, great Creator, …

4. Come to unite us, …

5. Come to inspire us, …

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another. Gracious God,

**C our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear to hold. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**P** Through the birth, life, death, burial and resurrection of Our Lord, know that your sins are forgiven. May, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (+), uphold you in peace.

**C Amen**.

**P** The Lord be with you

**C And also with you**

**P** Let us pray. O Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear Lord, in all that we do you help.; in all our uncertainties your guidance, in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows, your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

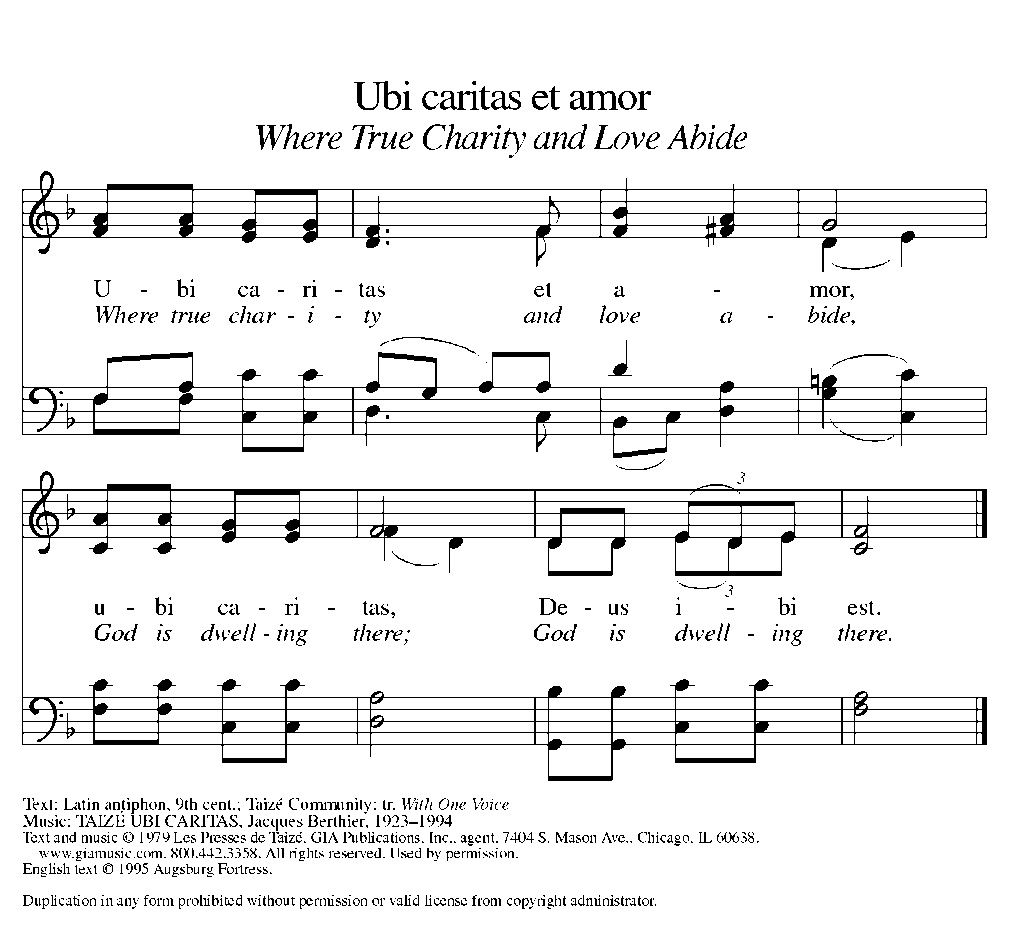
**Scripture Reading Luke 15:17-26**

17One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. 18Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; 19but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. 20When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." 21Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 22When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 23Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? 24But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the one who was paralyzed — "I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." 25Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. 26Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

**L** The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

*Ubi Caritas* (Sung 3 times)



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**HYMN** *Faith Begins By Letting Go*



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**PRAYERS**

*After each petition the following refrain is sung by the congregation*

**P** Let us lift our prayers to God. Gracious God, you call us to come to you in prayer for all that we need. Guide us so that we may live according to your Word and inspire us to be your hands in the world. Hear us as we pray to you. (after each petition we will sing the following:)

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**P** For the many way that you bless us, for food and clothing, house and family, for good government and bountiful harvest, for your grace and life-giving cross. Hear us as we pray to you…

**P** Forthose who cry out to you in any need: those who are sick, dying or mourning the loss of a loved one, those who struggle with addiction, those who are unemployed, those who are hungry, those who are alienated from their families and friends, those who live in places where there is war or violence and those who are in need of your love in their lives. We ask that you would bring them your comfort, healing, love and peace. Hear us as we pray to you…

**P** We give you thanks for hearing us when we pray. We ask your continued love in our lives so that we may always bring our prayers to you. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to pray always so that we may continue to grow closer to you and serve you through all that we say and do. We ask this through, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Lord,remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

*Bless the Lord*  (sung 3 times)



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**Serving our community this evening:**

Organist: Garnet Snyder

Reader: Janice Migyanka

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**Our Lenten Worship Schedule**

**Wednesdays in Lent**

6:00 PM Simple Suppers and Fellowship

7:00 PM Wednesday Lenten Services

March 16 – Peter’s Mother-In-Law

March 23 – Mary Magdalene

March 30 – Thomas

April 6 – Martha

April 13 -- Lazarus

**The Great and Holy Week**

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**Maundy Thursday, April 14th** at 7:00 PM at POP

Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar

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**Good Friday, April 15th** 7:30 PM at POP

The Church will be open throughout Veneration of the Cross

the day for you to come and pray Service of and Tenebrae

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**Easter Sunday, April 17th**

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM at POP

Festival Service of Easter at 9:00 AM at Trinity

Festival Service of Easter at 10:30 AM at POP